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To Worship and glorify God; by promoting the teachings of the Greek Orthodox Faith, to encourage all members' participation through our Greek culture, educational programs, community outreach and fundraising activities while serving God, our community and humanity with love.



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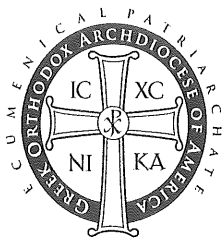
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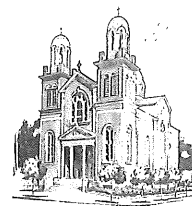
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Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As I write this letter we are in the middle of the month of November. November is an important month for Presvytera and I because on November 1st we celebrated our 15th wedding anniversary. We celebrated all that God has given us. We celebrated what we have accomplished together. We remembered the wonderful times and the challenges that life brings. All of this made our celebration most meaningful. The Church is having us look to a celebration as well. That celebration is the Nativity of our Lord and Savior. A priest once wrote the following about this celebration, "Each year on November 15th, we begin the Orthodox Christian season of advent... For forty days, we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Christ. We fast. We pray. We worship. When the Feast of the Nativity comes there is something to celebrate." Why is there something to celebrate? Because by prayer, fasting, worship, and remembering the less fortunate, we remember why we celebrate the Nativity.

I recently read the following, "For our society as a whole, Christmas has become "Getmas." Getmas is all about "getting" as much as possible, with no real restraint applied to the getting process. How many children evaluate a "good Christmas" based upon what they "get?" (Not all adults are exempt from such an evaluation I would imagine)." I share this because I thought it was a very clever way of describing how Christmas can become a time where we really celebrate nothing. If we are not careful it can become an excuse to get together, exchange a few gifts, have dinner and go home. The Church offers us a simple way of helping us stay focused. That happens with the present fast we are currently in. The Church asks us to fast, pray, and give alms. This exercise helps us to remember what is most important. Remember His words to Martha, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." For us, abstaining from certain foods, adding more to your prayer life, and looking to help those in need will ensure that we remember the one thing needed; a relationship with Christ.

As we continue with our preparation to receive the Christ child on Christmas let us remember to put some effort into really receiving Him. Let us remember to put effort into really celebrating the day. I look forward to receiving Christ at the end of December with all of you, my parish family, having fasted more, prayed more, and offered kindness and help to others in the name of our Lord and Savior.

In Christ,



Father Larry Legakis

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	Nov 30	1 Daughter Mtg. Charles Maumee GOYA Retreat
2 Sunday School Rehearsal 12:15 PM Greek School	3 6:00 PM Parish Council	4 9:00 AM St. Barbra Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	5 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 9:00 AM St. Nicholas Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	7 6:00 PM Coffee Talk (Adults)	8
9 PC Election Philoptochos Tray St. Spyridon Sunday School Rehearsal 12:15 PM Greek School 4:00 PM HOPE and JOY Christmas Retreat	10 6:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	11 Philoptochos Christmas Shut-in Boxes	12 Pan-Orthodox Christmas Concert @ St. Elias 9:00 AM St. Spyridon Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School +2 more	13 5:00 PM Philoptochos Madonna Homes dinner 6:00 PM Ahepa & Daughters Christmas party at Beirut	14 9:00 AM LCHA Christmas party 6:00 PM GOYA Coffee Talk	15 9:00 AM Saint Elentherios Orthros Divien Liturgy 10 am
16 Parish Christmas Party Sunday School Christmas Pageant	17	18	19 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	20 6:00 PM Young at Heart Christmas Dinner	21	22
23 No Sunday School 12:15 PM Greek School	24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vesperal Divine Liturgy	25 9:00 AM Christmas Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	26 office Closed	27 GOYA Xmas Party Kopan Home 9:00 AM St. Stephan Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am	28 Young Adult Taverna Talk	29
30 No Sunday School 12:15 PM Greek School	31	Notes				

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	Dec 31	1 Daughters Scholarship Information available 9:00 AM Circumcision of our Lord and st. Basil Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 7:00 PM BMF	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:00 PM AHEPA 6:30 PM Bible Study	3 Daughters Meeting place TBA	4 6:00 PM Coffee Talk (Adults)	5 9:00 AM Eve of Epiphany Vespers Divine Liturgy and Lesser Blessing of the Waters
6 Epiphany and Great Blessing of Waters 12:15 PM Greek School 12:30 PM HOPE and JOY Meeting	7 9:00 AM St. John the Baptist Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 6:00 PM Parish Council 6:00 PM Philoptochos Board Meeting	8 7:00 PM BMF	9 Philoptochos Vasiloptia Set up 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	10 Philoptochos Vasiloptia Set up	11 Philoptochos Vasiloptia Set up	12 GOYA Movie Night and Coffee talk (Temple's Home) Philoptochos Vasiloptia Set up
13 Philoptochos Vasiloptia	14 7:00 PM Philoptochos General Meeting	15 7:00 PM BMF	16 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	17 9:00 AM St. Anthony the Great Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 12:00 PM Young at Heart	18 7:00 PM Parakesis	19
20 Daughters Take Down Tree 12:15 PM Greek School	21 Church Office Closed	22 7:00 PM BMF	23 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School Adults 6:30 PM Bible Study	24	25 Young Adult Taverna Talk	26
27 Greek School Greek Letters Day	28	29 7:00 PM BMF	30 9:00 AM Three Hierarchs Orthros Divine Liturgy 10 am 10:00 AM Bible Study 4:00 PM Greek School Children 6:00 PM Greek School 6:30 PM Bible Study	31	Feb 1	2
3	4	Notes				

CHURCH REGISTRY

HOSPITALIZED

Vasiliki Yakumithis, Alex Tokles,
Fritzie Morris & Savvas Moraitis

BIRTH

Baby Charlotte Ann born October 4, 2018
To parents Christopher and Amberly Bohland

CHRISMATION

Amanda Dionyssiou – October 14, 2018
Sponsor: Yiota Proestos

BAPTISM

Paolo Evangelos Berardinelli
November 10, 2018
Parents: Anthony & Stephanie Berardinelli
Sponsors: Marc & Erin Beechuk

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Paul & Susan Sieben – 47 years
Tom & Sandra Manton – 43 years
Bryan & Kathy Chaka – 34 years
Jeremy & Jamie Marinis – 11 years
Aaron & Alexa Akins – 3 years

FUNERAL

Thelma Petas – October 29, 2018
May Her Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Elizabeth Voudouris – 40 days
Pete Morris – 1 year
Mary Ann Dionyssiou – 5 years
Ann Slee – 13 years
Bernard Slee – 20 years
All Deceased Members of Philoptochos
May Their Memory Be Eternal

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH VOUDOURIS

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Adams
Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos
Ms. Joyce Anagnos
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mr. & Mrs. Ilias Bekos

Mr. & Mrs. Theodoros Bekos
Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki
Mr. & Mrs. David Boudouris
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Boudouris
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Brotsos
Ms. Beth Brower Weiland
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Dimitri Bubulya
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bubulya
Ms. Dena Buldas
Ms. Violet Burton
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Capranica
Tom & Sandy Ceglarek & Family
Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Ms. Marina Cooper
Daughters of Penelope Dodona Chapter 24
Daughters of Penelope Chapter 321
Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Demas
Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Ms. Stacia Dimit
Mrs. Joan Dionyssiou
Ms. Paula Dionyssiou
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Diver
Mrs. Helen Dunlap
Bob & Karen Dunlap & Family
Mike & Maryann Dunlap & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Fuller
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Georgakopoulos
Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge
Mr. & Mrs. William Hadgigeorge
Mr. & Mrs. John Hall
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford
Ms. Theodossia Hatzinikolis
Ms. Melanie Hoyt
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. William Kakmis
Ms. Athena Kamilaris
Chris & Aleca Kamilaris
Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris
Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris
Mrs. Mary Kanios
Mr. Pete Kanios
Mr. Nondas Karabogias
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Karageorge
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Karahalios
Mrs. Georgia Karahalios
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Katrakazos
Mrs. Irene Kaufman

(In memory of Mrs. Voudouris continued)

Ms. Andrea Korogianos
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Koukios
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Kountouris
Mr. & Mrs. Stratos Kourous
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Kowalski
Mr. George Kyriakou
Col. & Mrs. Dennis Lawrence
Mrs. Maritsa Loizos
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lung
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacLaren
Mrs. Rane Mancy Wood
Mrs. Roula Manton & Phyllis
Mrs. Mary Markham
Andy & Chris Markos
Mr. & Mrs. James Martin
Mrs. Evgenia Matthews
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Matthews
Mrs. Helen Matthews
Mr. & Mrs. James McCabe
Mrs. Maria Melas
Mrs. Evangelia Mihos
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Morris
Mouratidis Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos
Ms. Joan Nowacki
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos
Mrs. Tina Papalekas
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pastrokios
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mr. Soterios Petros
Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Mr. & Mrs. Hristos Rongakis
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rongos
Mr. & Mrs. George E. Sarantou
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Sares
Mr. & Mrs. George Scarvelis
Mr. Steve Scarvelis
Mrs. Patricia Senerius
Mr. Paul & Dr. Susan Sieben
Mr. & Mrs. John Spillson
Mrs. Sophia Spillson
Mrs. Chrysoula Stathopoulos
Ms. Sophie Stathopoulos
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Steffas
Mr. Frixos Stylianides
Mrs. Demetra Theodorou
Mrs. Patricia Theodorou
Ms. Marlene Thomas
Dr. Michael & Dr. Elaine Lillios Thompson
Ms. Maritherese Tokles
Mr. William Tzanakis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie
Mr. & Mrs. John Veronie
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis
Ms. Antonetta Vourlis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wade
Susan West & Bob Murphy & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Worley
Young at Heart Members

IN MEMORY OF THELMA PETAS

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Adams
Mr. & Mrs. George Anagnos
Ms. Joyce Anagnos
Ms. Kathy Andros
Mr. & Mrs. Basil Apostolou
Mrs. Andrea Biernacki Sweet
Dr. & Mrs. G. J. Biernacki
Dr. Gregory Biernacki
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bohland
Mr. & Mrs. Bart Brotsos
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Chaka
Mrs. Alexandra Chrysochoos
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Chrysochoos
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Cook
Dr. & Mrs. Milo Danzeisen
Mr. & Mrs. George Dedes
Dr. & Mrs. Wallace DePue
Ms. Stacia Dimit
Mrs. Joan Dionyssiou
Ms. Paula Dionyssiou
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Dionyssiou & Family
Mr. Mark Drumheller
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gallup
Mr. & Mrs. Gus Georgakopoulos
Ms. Toulia Georgakopoulos
Mrs. Teri Giacci
Presvytera Ann Hadgigeorge
Mr. & Mrs. William Hadgigeorge
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford
Ms. Brenda Hodge
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Janicki
Mrs. Aphrodite Kakissis
Ms. Athena Kamilaris
Chris & Aleca Kamilaris
Mr. & Mrs. George Kamilaris
Mrs. Maroulla Kamilaris
Mrs. Mary Kanios
Mr. Pete Kanios
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Karahalios
Dr. & Mrs. Giorgio Karras
Mrs. Irene Kaufman
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth MacLaren
Mrs. Rane Mancy Wood

(In memory of Ms. Petas continued)

Mrs. Roula Manton & Phyllis
Mrs. Mary Markham
Mrs. Evgenia Matthews
Mrs. Helen Matthews
Mrs. Maria Melas
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Morris
Mouratidis Family
Mr. & Mrs. George Mulopulos
Ms. Colette Neenan
Mrs. Margaret Niehaus
Ms. Yvette Normand
Mrs. Olympia Ntakos
Mr. Steve & Dr. Chris Kanios Papadimos
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Papadimos
Mrs. Tina Papalekas
Mrs. Despina Pelphrey
Dr. & Mrs. Nikolaos Petousis & family
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros
Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos
Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rongos
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Ross
Mr. James Rousos
Ms. Sandra Saferin
Mr. & Mrs. George E. Sarantou
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Schlattor
Mrs. Patricia Senerius
Ms. Aretta Sevastakis & Dr. Mona Henri
Mr. Paul & Dr. Susan Sieben
Dr. & Mrs. Kostas Skandamis
Mr. & Mrs. John Skiadas
Mr. George Spatoulas
Ms. Lora Stamos
Mr. Frixos Stylianides
Ms. Marlene Thomas
Mr. William Tzanakis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis
Mr. & Mrs. James Veronie
Mr. & Mrs. Vasilios Vogiatzis
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wade
Mr. & Mrs. John Zavell & family

IN MEMORY OF DR. SOTERIOS KAKISSIS

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lung
Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie
Dr. & Mrs. Kostas Skandamis
Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE BULDAS

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Lung

IN MEMORY OF CHRIS THEODOROU

Mr. & Mrs. William Hadgigeorge

IN MEMORY OF JOHN & IRENE
HIMEBAUGH, BESSIE PAPUCHIKE,
TIMOTHY MCANINCH, & MICHELLE
HOFFMAN

Mrs. Mary Jean Brandburg

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS PELPHREY

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bailey

Mrs. Despina Pelphrey

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE MOURATIDIS

Dr. & Mrs. Kostas Skandamis

Mr. & Mrs. Nick Verikakis

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM & FRANCES
ALIAPOULOS

Mr. Terrence Perris

IN MEMORY OF MARY ANN DIONYSSIOU

Mrs. Joan Dionyssiou

Ms. Paula Dionyssiou

Mr. & Mrs. Kypros Proestos

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

IN MEMORY OF SAVVAS HADGIPANTELI

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Proestou

IN MEMORY OF NICK PETAS

Mr. & Mrs. William Hadgigeorge

IN MEMORY OF JOHN STRATIDAKIS

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Mercer & family

Mr. John Moshovis

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IN MEMORY OF OLYMPIA ROUSOS

Mr. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES

LAMPATHAKIS

Mrs. Sophie Paterakis & Debbie

IN MEMORY OF LOUIS KAPOURELAS

Mr. & Mrs. Andreas Petros

Mrs. Sophia Spillson

IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL & OURANIA
KOUNTOURIS

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Brown

IN MEMORY OF STEFFANOS
ROSSOPOULOS

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hartford

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

Andrew Moulas of Dayton, OH

Brother in Law of Faye Grevis

May Their Memory Be Eternal

President's Report by Emmanuel T. Yakumithis

My fellow parishioners,

As the year winds down, and we get closer to Christmas and New Year, I was reminiscing about this past year. We have had many ups and some downs. We saw many Baptisms and Weddings, and saw the loss of many that were close to us. We have persevered and we have moved forward. We have tried to do God's work in the best way that human beings can.

We have established a road for our future and will be working throughout the next year to make sure that this road is the correct path for our parish. We will strive to better our community and give the best experience to our families that make up our beloved parish.

As I always try to do, I want to thank some folks who really stood out:

First to our Philoptochos: Thank you for all that you do for our parish throughout the year and for our community. Greece Uncorked was another big success that showcases the commitment of help that these ladies give to the community at large. With the New Year right around the corner, we also look forward to the annual Vasilopita Luncheon. This is always a huge success and an event we all look forward to.

Thank you to all who participated in the Madonna Homes Thanksgiving Dinner. Our commitment to outreach and community involvement never ceases to amaze me. It was also appropriate that this year's dinner fell on the same day as Pete Morris' one year memorial. Pete's commitment to this endeavor was huge and he would have been proud that his family and friends were there to help honor his memory by volunteering for this dinner.

Finally, I would like to thank each one of you. Young or old, wealthy or struggling, the generosity of this community to help others and our own is very heartwarming and a testament to the commitment to our mission.

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Philoptochos News by Pattie Senerius

PHILANTHROPY FOR GENERATIONS

Philoptochos held its fifth annual "Greece Uncorked" event. Chairman Kelly Yakumithis and her dedicated committee worked very hard and achieved their goal of raising money for the Thomas

M. Wernert Center and the Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center. Each group will receive 40% of the profits to continue their missions of helping clients with mental illness and those with brain injuries.

A special thank you to our sponsors and donors of the silent auction baskets. This fundraiser helps Philoptochos to continue its various philanthropic and charitable works. We hope everyone enjoyed the food, wine, auctions, music and fellowship. Thank you for your support!

On November 4th, we honored Philoptochos' Patron Saints Cosmos and Damianos. We follow their passions and dedication of helping those in need. Following the Divine Liturgy, an Artoklasia and Memorial Services were held. We honored our deceased members and remembered their contributions and dedication to the mission of Philoptochos. Thank you to everyone who made Philoptochos Sunday a success. We hope everyone enjoyed the huge variety of delicious pastries donated by the members of Philoptochos. The "Greece Uncorked" food was a big hit and everyone really enjoyed the coffee hour.

It's hard to believe Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is around the corner. Philoptochos is already preparing for the Vasilopita Celebration and Luncheon on January 13, 2019 after church. Mark the date on your calendar and attend the event with your family and friends. This is the most attended event and a timeless tradition of Philoptochos. Don't forget to make your Vasilopites. Bakers are needed, please see Ann Mulopulos.

"One kind word (Thank You) makes a world difference"
-Unknown

Upcoming Events

- November 25th - December 16th - Teacher School Supply Collection for underfunded schools
- December 10th – Philoptochos General meeting 7pm
- December 13th - Philoptochos Madonna Homes Dinner, 5:00 P.M.
- January 13th - Vasilopita Luncheon Celebration

All meetings are held in the Ahepa Room. Please be prompt. In the event of bad weather, check TV reports for cancellations.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Hope to see all of you at the Vasilopita Celebration.

Kroger Community Rewards Update
by Faye Haberman

*Wishing Everyone
a Merry Christmas*



Philoptochos continues to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards fundraiser program.

Make sure to visit Kroger's for your holiday baking and dinner shopping and earn credit for Philoptochos.

Please, make sure your phone number is listed under the **ALT ID** section. If you forget your Kroger Rewards card; all you have to do is type in your phone number when checking out and Philoptochos still receives credit for your purchase.

I can be reached at 419-865-4344 or at fotini@bex.net and I will gladly assist you.

The web site to join is:
www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on
"Create an Account" and follow the prompts. Our
name is Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Philoptochos
and our new ID# is CM658.

Philoptochos thanks all of you for participating in this *Profitable, Painless, and Perpetual* fundraiser.

Greek School News by Dawn Anagnos,
Director and Instructor

On Sunday, October 28th, 2018 after the Divine Liturgy, Greek School celebrated 'OXI DAY'. This holiday commemorates the Greek Premier Ioannis Metaxas, saying 'OXI'-NO to the Axis Forces demanding Greek Surrender in the early morning hours of October 28th, 1940. The proud and brave Greek Army pushed them deep into Italy dominated Albania. The entire world was shocked by the Greek bravery; little Greece stood up to the giants where other countries were surrendering one after another. Every year the 28th of October 1940 is celebrated as a National Holiday in Greece and abroad where Greeks live, to remind us of the 'OXI DAY'. This is the day the Greeks rejected the Italian ultimatum, fought for freedom and justice and won against all odds. Winston Churchill's words at the time were 'from now on we are not going to say that Greeks fight like heroes, but heroes fight like the Greeks'. Our main speakers for the day were students

from the adult class in Greek Gary Varney and in English a first year student Jessica Williams, who gave us beautiful and informative speeches. Many thanks and God bless you both. Nicholas Legakis carried the Cross exapterigon; our Flag bearers were Theodora Mitsopoulos carried the American; Vasilia Legakis the Greek and Marianna Temple the Cypriot. After the Doxology in church with Fr. Larry Legakis all of us went to our Greek Educational Building and after the coffee hour we started our OXI DAY program, singing our Greek and American National Anthems along with our church choir. We extend many thanks. The speakers followed and our students recited poems about the OXI DAY and ended with the song I ELLADA POTE THEN PETHENI. The director also referred to the commemoration of our Greek flag. Warmest congratulations to our participating students, Vasilia and Lukia Legakis, Marianna Temple, Theodora Mitsopoulos, Jessica Williams, Kalliopi McCullough, Jeremiah Mynihan, Evelyn Jackson, Savvas Moraitis, Alexia Fisher, Electra Hickman, Olivia and Sophia Harrigan, Mariam, Alexandra and Andriana Xenofontos. Hronia Polla to Demetrios Mitsopoulos for his nameday and thank you for the cake. Many thanks to Joyce Anagnos and her committee who were in charge of the coffee hour, also for taking pictures with John and Cathy Andujar. Many thanks also to the parents who bring the students to our school and provided something for the coffee hour. God bless you all and Happy Holidays.

Greek School Update – 2018
by Dawn Anagnos Director and Instructor

Greek School, once again sponsored key activities at the annual Greek American Festival. In addition to representing the Greek Language Booth with books, maps, handouts and displays celebrating and educating the public about the Greek Language, Greek School also accepted the names and contact information of Youth and Adults interested in Greek School registration. The Greek School Director, Mrs. Dawn-Avgi Anagnos also added a second Greek Language Presentation this year so festival patrons had the opportunity both Saturday and Sunday to learn about the Greek Alphabet, numbers and greetings including their name in Greek. Festival patrons repeatedly told us at the Greek Language and Cultural Booth, the reason the Greek Festival was their favorite was because we had things for them to do and look at and ask questions about Greece and its Language. From the handouts to browsing the books and displays to attending the Greek Language presentations, the positive goodwill Festival patrons left the Festival with an invaluable part of what Greek School provides the festival. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

Daughters of Penelope by Ranee Mancy Wood

Greetings from the Daughters of Penelope.

It is with much sadness that our chapter lost a beloved Sister, Elizabeth Voudouris. She was a dedicated and active member for over 50 years and will be greatly missed. May her memory be eternal.

Our November meeting honoring our past Presidents and Founders Day was a success with 23 sisters attending. Thank you to AHEPA for the delicious chicken oregano dinner which was enjoyed by everyone. Initiation was held for 3 new members. Welcome to our chapter, Sisters Daisy Garcia, Debbie Morris and Nancy Rogers.

The past Presidents who were honored that night include: Dawn Anagnos, Persilla Zervos, Kathy Lawrence, Dena-Grevis-Smith, Joyce Anagnos, Maria Rosales, Marina Cooper, Becky Skiadas, Faye Grevis, Pauline Biernacki, Ann Mulopulos, and Joan Dionysiou.

Thanks to the 8 members who participated in the Walk for Alzheimer's and to those who donated \$500.00 that the Alzheimer's local chapter received.

The gyro fundraiser was a huge success due to the donations of George Kyriakou and George Arvanitis. Thanks to you both for your generosity towards our scholarship funding. The gyros and fries were delicious and the fundraiser will be held again next year due to popular demand.

Our District Visitation meeting will be held Saturday December 1st at Charlie's Taverna in Maumee with District officers in attendance.

Save the date for our Christmas party at the Beirut Restaurant on December 13th at 6 pm along with AHEPA, including an optional \$20.00 gift exchange.

Thanks to all the sisters who helped decorate our beautiful Christmas tree! It was a fun time of teamwork and placed all of us in the Christmas spirit.

New members are always welcome to join. Contact any member for information.

A reminder that 2018 dues are past due. Dues for 2019 are now being accepted by our Treasurer, Sophia Stathopoulos.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a wonderful year ahead in 2019!

AHEPA Chapter 118 News by President George Arvanitis

Happy Holidays to all from AHEPA Chapter 118. We hope they're filled with much love and joy. I'd like to start off by thanking everyone for helping to make the Daughters/ AHEPA, "Gyro and Fries To Go" a success. I'd especially like to thank Ted Voudouris and George Kyriakou for their generous contribution to our cause. It

was much appreciated. Our November meeting was a joint dinner with the Daughters of Penelope which featured a scrumptious baked chicken dinner with all the fixings. Thanks to Greg Cook for graciously offering to prepare the evening's meal. It was awesome! We then gathered for our meeting. A number of topics were discussed and plans set in motion for future events. One of these being "Super Bowl Block Tickets" which are \$ 15.00 each and can be purchased from any AHEPA member. There's only 100 tickets available and they're going fast. Prizes are as follows:

1st Quarter = \$ 125.00	Half = \$ 250.00
3rd Quarter = \$ 125.00	Final = \$ 500.00

Other upcoming events include; a lamb shank dinner with all the fixings in January for current, past and prospective new members interested in joining our chapter (by reservation only - call 419-340-3787), the return of the Apokriatiko in February, AHEPA/ Graduate Sunday in May and our 3rd Annual AHEPA Chapter 118 Golf Outing in June. So you see, we've a lot going on so why not be part of it! Anyone wishing to join or reinstate can contact me, George Arvanitis at 419-340-3487. Applications are also available during coffee hour.

Young at Heart News by Becky Skiadas

YAH just came back from a wonderful trip to, Lancaster PA, Amish country. It was very beautiful scenery and unusual to see horse driven buggies on the roads. The best part of our trip was the performance held at the Millennium Theater of 'JESUS'. It was a very powerful and moving version of the life of Jesus from gathering His Apostles to his crucifix. So emotional we all had tears in our eyes!! It was so awesome to see a Camel walk across the stage and horses come down the aisles, Doves flying overhead and goats and cats. An amazing performance and the singing was very powerful. I recommend it to anyone that has the opportunity to go. A huge THANK YOU to Tina Papalekas for her time in planning this great trip. She kept us busy with, funny stories, jokes, snacks, and Bingo. The 9 hour drive flew by. Our accommodations were first class and in the evening we gathered to play Left Right Center. We had breakfast at the hotel and dinners were at beautiful restaurants with delicious meals. We were treated like royalty where ever we went.

At our November meeting we welcomed a new YAH member Yanula Stathulis. We're happy to have her among us. YAH honored our Veterans and had a speaker from the Veterans Administration, Joe Cafferty. He was very informative for the services that a Veteran can find for all their medical needs. A delicious Thanksgiving meal was made by our cooks, Despina Pelphrey, Helen Matthews and Tina Papalekas, with kitchen help from Andy Petros.

On Monday Nov. 19th we put our Christmas tree up.

On November 27th we had our annual dinner and play event at Hollywood Casino.

YAH Christmas Party will be at Angelo's Northwood Villa Thursday, December 20th.

Our next meeting will be January 17, 2019, at NOON!!

Join us. Dues are \$10.00 a year. YAH wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and New Year.

Community Cookbook by Yanula Stathulis

2018 marks the 10th anniversary that our cookbook was compiled and presented, making its debut at our 2008 Greek Festival. It was well received by parishioners and Festival attendees alike – a legacy of our community past and present – “a tribute to those who lived among us or touched our lives, past and present.”

During these 10 years the Cookbook Committee has been ever grateful for thriving sales resulting in more than \$50,000 income, all in support of our beloved Holy Trinity Cathedral.

With the encouragement of continuous book sales, apron sales, popular cooking classes and a vision for future direction, we dedicate this column to our cookbook, Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More!

A little history – In 2007, Fr. Ari Damaskos, Cathedral Proestamenos, had the idea for a community cookbook. He pursued it to form a committee that worked lovingly and diligently, collecting recipes from parishioners past and present. Fr. Chris Hadgigeorge, our Priest Emeritus, gave the committee the idea for a unique, creative title, one that would set it apart from many other Greek cookbooks. We are thankful for the love, support and contributions of both priests.

In 2009, the committee entered our cookbook in the National Tabasco Community Cookbook Competition and received the distinction of a National Cookbook Award as well as a monetary award and plaque.

In more recent years, thanks to the miracle of technology, Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More! has been purchased throughout the United States as well as internationally as far as Alaska and Australia. We anticipate that those sales will continue and multiply in the future. People everywhere love the idea of a “Classic & Contemporary Greek American Cuisine.”

Closer to home, we invite you to purchase cookbooks and matching aprons in our Cathedral Bookstore. They make wonderful gifts for every

occasion, inspiring others to make our recipes their own.

Finally, browse through Olives, Feta, Phyllo & More! where you will find many familiar recipes as well as new ones to explore and prepare for the coming holidays. Be sure to pause on page 29 and browse a well-planned menu for that special Christmas Dinner or New Year's Celebration with your loved ones and friends.

Best Wishes from the Cookbook Committee for Love, Health, Happiness, Peace and Prosperity during the Holidays and in the New Year.

HELLENIC DANCE COMPANY NEWS

The Hellenic Dance Company held its annual fundraiser breakfast on Youth Sunday, November 11th. The dance company welcomed the support of the 120 parishioners who stayed after the Divine Liturgy to enjoy the sumptuous breakfast buffet provided by Ted Voudouris and his kitchen helpers; Randy Bollin, Erich Deason, Evan Zink and Robert Zink.

Persilla Zervos, Director of Hellenic Dance Co., thanked the event's sponsors Paula Dionyssiou and Eric Dionyssiou from the Rudy's Restaurant on Monroe Street and Mara Dionyssiou and Justin Dionyssiou from the Rudy's Restaurant on Alexis Road. She also noted in her opening remarks that all the Rudy's Restaurants never said no to the Hellenic Dance Company and how much she and Maria Tzanakis, Ted Voudouris, January Theodorou, Paula Apostolou and Christiana Christides appreciated their donations to the group.

She thanked John & Cathy Andujar, Stacia Dimit, Daisy Garcia, Jeanne Gatoura, Aleca Kamilaris, Sophie Stathopoulos, Chris Veronie and Chris Zervos for staying after the Ahepa/Daughters of Penelope monthly meeting to help with the Educational Building set-up. The dance company also appreciated the event tickets provided by Tony Capranica and the parishioners (Shelly Dionyssiou, Connie Mynihan and Elena Xenofontos - among others) for helping with the clean-up.

The Hellenic Dance Company is thankful to the dance families for the food and monetary donations that contribute to the breakfast. The success and longevity of the dance company is due to the dancers and families, for their commitment and dedication to the four folk dance groups which perform at not only the parish's Greek Festival but also other civic events. The Hellenic Dance Co. has evolved into a major youth ministry within the parish. Hundreds of parish youth have participated in the program. Dancers learn about their ethnic heritage through its dances, while learning to work together as a team, offering their time and energy in support of their parish. THANK YOU!!

2018 Stewardship Update through November 19, 2018 - Our Stewardship goal for 2018 is \$250,000

So far 248 Stewards have turned in a pledge cards totaling \$220,526

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A Big Thank you!

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

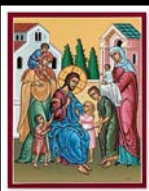


Dear Parish family, The Stewardship committee and I would like to Thank all of you for your continued support of the Ministries here at the Cathedral. As we end our 2018 Stewardship campaign and enter into 2019 we are overjoyed with your response. We remind you that for the next few months we continue this celebration of what God has given us. We ask if you have not

fulfilled your 2018 stewardship commitment that you do so and make your 2019 pledge.

Again, thank you for your love and commitment to our beautiful Cathedral. May our Lord bless you and grant us to bear fruit for the Glory of His Kingdom.

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HTGOC Monthly Youth Update

December 2018

Hellenic Dancy Co

Hellenic Dance Company would like to thank all who made this year's breakfast a success! Especially to the families for their all their donations. OPA!!

Greek School

Greek School will have its next presentation on January 27th in honor of Greek Letters.. Greek School meets Wednesdays and Sundays.

HOPE and JOY

- 12/1- All Youth Christmas Retreat 9am - 2pm

Important News:

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the Christmas season I wanted to say how thankful I am for each and every one of you. The fall was wonderful seeing so many of our kids come and participate in the different youth programs we offer at the Cathedral. I want to also thank all those who volunteer their time as teachers or ministry team members. During this season it is important that we take the time and remember what it is we are thankful for.

As we prepare to get busy with the holidays and as the Church has us enter into the Nativity Fast, I offer to you a simple suggestion to help stay focused on Christ as we approach Christmas. Take the time with your families to sit and write down all the things each of you is thankful for. Write down the ways our Lord has blessed you as a family and individuals. Then write down those who your children want to pray for during the 40 days leading up to Christmas. You could even make paper chains and have the kids write the names on the inside. However you decide to do this have them pray daily.

I look to foard seeing all of you in the weeks to come during our Christmas Retreats, outreach events, Christmas Pageant, and of course on the blessed day of the Nativity!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Fr. Larry

Sunday School

- 12/2 & 12/9 Pageant Practice in rooms
- 12/15 Pageant Dress Rehearsal 10am-12noon
- 12/16 Christmas Pageant!!!
- 12/23-12/30 No Classes

GOYA

12/1 Christmas Retreat

12/14 Coffee Talk

12/27 - GOYA Christmas Party Kopan Home



Cathedral Fall Adult Education Opportunities

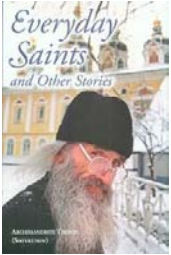


Cathedral Book Club

Offered by Father Larry Presbyteria
Jenny!

Book is "Every Day Saints and Other Stories" The book is available in the bookstore. We will meet on December 2nd

Book Club meets at the Legakis home



This year's Adult Study will be taught by both Father Larry and David. David will teach the evening study and Father will teach the morning

Winter 2018-19

Out of Egypt

God Redeems His People (Genesis; Exodus)
God Provides for His People (Exodus)
God Receives Worship from His People (Ex.; Lev.)

Unit 4: God Redeems His People (Genesis; Exodus)

<i>Session 1</i>	God Redeems Betrayal
<i>Session 2</i>	God Redeems Adversity
<i>Session 3</i>	God Overrides Evil with Good
<i>Christmas</i>	The Prince of Peace
<i>Session 4</i>	God Hears His People
<i>Session 5</i>	God Frees His People
<i>Session 6</i>	God Delivers His People

Unit 5: God Provides for His People (Exodus)

<i>Session 1</i>	A Test in the Wilderness
<i>Session 2</i>	A Leader's Wisdom
<i>Session 3</i>	A Law for God's People

Unit 6: God Receives Worship from His People (Exodus; Leviticus)

<i>Session 1</i>	An Image of Idolatry
<i>Session 2</i>	A Place for God's Presence
<i>Session 3</i>	A Picture of Atonement

Frape with Father Larry and Taverna Talks Continue in December!



Coffee talk is now Frape with Father Larry! It is offered to all adults and friends of the Cathedral. Our next meeting is on December 7th 6 pm at Sip in the Cricket West shopping



Taverna Talks are for our Young Adults the next meeting will be December 28th

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